

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 324

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LCO No. 2100

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by: (GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSMISSION OF ELECTION DAY RESULTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Subsection (a) of section 9-314 is of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 3 (a) The moderator of each state election in each town not divided
- 4 into voting districts, and the head moderator in each town divided into
- 5 voting districts shall make out a duplicate list of the votes given in his
- 6 town for each of the following officers: Presidential electors, Governor,
- 7 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller,
- 8 Attorney General, United States senator, representative in Congress,
- 9 state senator, judge of probate, state representative and registrars of
- 10 voters when said officers are to be chosen. Included in said list shall be
- 11 a statement of the total number of names on the official check list of
- 12 such town and the total number checked as having voted. The
- 13 moderator or head moderator, as the case may be, may transmit such
- 14 list to the Secretary of the State by facsimile machine [, provided] or
- 15 other electronic means as prescribed by the Secretary of the State, not

16 later than midnight on election day. If the moderator does not transmit 17 such list by such electronic means, the moderator shall [also] seal and 18 deliver one of such lists by hand [in accordance with the provisions of 19 this section. One of such lists he shall seal and deliver by hand] either 20 (1) to the Secretary of the State not later than six o'clock p.m. of the day 21 after the election, or (2) to the state police not later than four o'clock 22 p.m. of the day after the election, in which case the state police shall 23 deliver it by hand to the Secretary of the State not later than six o'clock p.m. of the day after the election. Any such moderator or head 24 25 moderator, as the case may be, who fails to so transmit such list by 26 electronic means to the Secretary of the State or to so deliver such list 27 to either the Secretary of the State or the state police, by the time 28 required, shall pay a late filing fee of fifty dollars. [The other of such 29 lists he shall deliver The moderator shall also deliver one of such lists 30 to the clerk of such town on or before the day after such election. The 31 Secretary of the State shall enter the returns in tabular form in books 32 kept by [him] the secretary for that purpose and present a printed 33 report of the same, with the name of, and the total number of votes 34 received by, each of the candidates for said offices, to the General 35 Assembly at its next session.

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage municipalities to transmit election results to the Secretary of the State's office on the evening of the election in order to have more timely returns.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]